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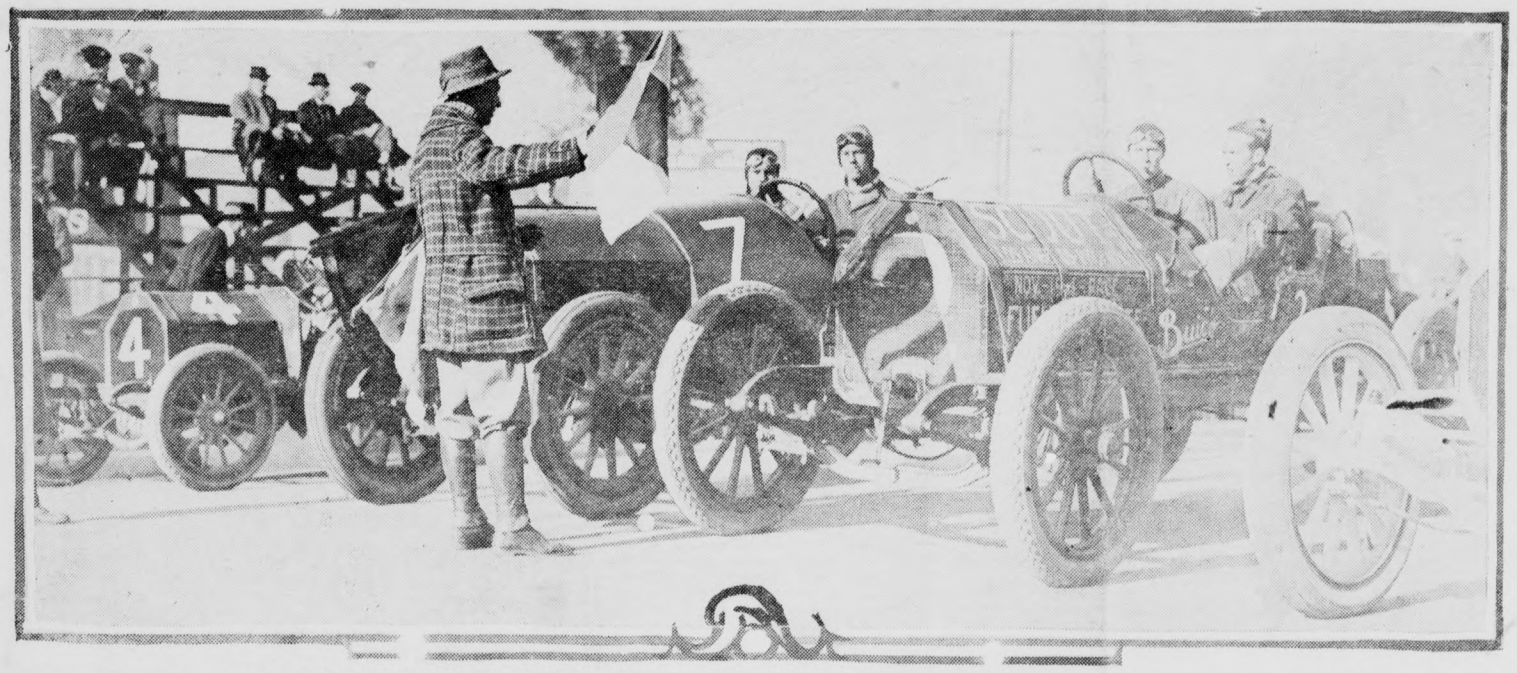
TROPICO ROAD RACES A SUCCESS

PUENTE, "THE GASOLINE WITH A PUNCH" MAKES THIS POSSIBLE



STARTER HARRY HARTZ AND THE LINEUP FOR THE START OF THE FREE-FOR-ALL RACE *Cut loaned by Los Angeles Herald*

PUENTE OIL CO. FURNISHED THE GASOLINE BREEZE BROS. SENT AN AMBULANCE THAT WAS NOT CALLED OUT

W. A. CHAPMAN PULLS OFF A PUBLICITY STUNT THAT WAS A WINNER FROM START TO FINISH

20,000 PEOPLE CHEER THE CARS TO VICTORY

The Ford was "there" in the Tropico race,
It stirred up an awful fuss,
The big cars said as they started the chase,
"Oh, look at the Jitney Buss,"
And they laughed in scorn, as they tore away,
And loudly their engines roared,
But the car that won,
When the race was done,
Was the little old rambling Ford.
—Los Angeles Express.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

FREE-FOR-ALL RACE

Distance, 20 laps over two-mile course.

Average time, slightly over 50 miles an hour.

Purses, $100, $40 and $10.

Ford, W. Throop, driver, first. Time, 50:15 4-5.

Studebaker No. 11, R. Dorney, driver, second. Time, 51:05 1-5.

Studebaker No. 19, G. Pulliam, driver, Time, 51:26 3-5.

CYCLECAR RACE

Distance, 10 laps over two-mile course.

Purses, $30, $15, $10 and $5.

Mercedes, H. Lindley, driver. first. Time, 48:59.

Mercer, Mott Haines, driver, second. Time, 51:18 2-5.

Mercedes, S. Morrison, driver, third. Time, 52:01 2-5.

MOTORCYCLE RACE

Distance, 30 miles.

Purses, $25, $15 and $5.

Thor — Gibson rider, first; time, 49:31 4-5.

Indian—Gilhausen rider, second; time, 50:00 4-5.

Henderson — Hammond rider, third; time, 53:05 1-5.

We are some race enthusiasts here at Tropico; also so are so[illegible] of others from other r[illegible] helped swell the crowd th[illegible] course to 20,000. It was an attractive card, and eve[illegible] all to the good, since th[illegible] serious accidents. The rac[illegible] some drivers of conside[illegible] who are likely to be heard from in larger events.

Throop went the distance in the free-for-all in 50 minutes 15 4-5 seconds. R. Dorney in a Studebaker was second, and his time was 51:05 1-5. Pulliam in a Studebaker, the car entered by Miss Helen Holmes, prominent motion picture leading woman, was third in 51:25 3-5.

San Fernando and Brand boulevards proved an excellent course for race events, yet offering points at which the drivers took risks. Where the boulevards run into each other the sharp "hairpin" turn offered dangers for inconsistent speeding. D. Ray in a Buick skidded at this point and went into the curbing. Both front wheels were knocked off the car and Ray and his mechanician, A. Blechner, were hurled into the crowd, but were only shaken up.

Cyclecars Thrill

The cyclecar race was an interesting attraction, the speed of the little cars giving many a surprise. It was for a distance of twenty miles and was won by H. Lindley in what he has named a Mercedes. His time was 48 minutes 59 seconds. Next were Mott Haines in a Mercer, time 51:18 2-5; S. Morrison in a Mercedes, time 52:01 2-5.

Gibson on a Thor was the winner of the thirty-mile motorcycle race which offered thrill after thrill in close brushes around the course. His time was 49 minutes 31 4-5 seconds. Gilhousen on an Indian was second, time 50 4-5; Hammond on an Indian was third, time 49:31 4-5.

Harry Hartz, the cyclecar racing champ, started the races and the timing was by the Pendleton electrical timing system.

E. Sherwood, driving a Stoddard-Dayton, ran the hard luck race of the contest. On his last lap, while in the lead fully 30 seconds, he sprung his, rear right wheel and was com[illegible] 15 feet of the ap to go to be

ple Present

nthusiasts from 'alifornia lined the course to see their favorite cars compete

All the cars entered were regulation stock cars and all of them were old models with the exception of the winning Ford, which had been rebuilt for speed.

A number of veteran drivers were among the enthusiasts who cheered the motorists on to victory.

Among these was Harry Grant, driver of the Sunbeam car. Grant was jubilant over the success of the little Ford, which he said ran as smoothly and nicely as his own Sunbeam.

He boosted this car throughout the race and was assisted by his wife. Eddie Rickenbacher, driver of the Maxwell at the Corona race, was another veteran who applauded the winner.

Average Speed Is Surprise

Only about eight cars finished the race, most of them dropping out after six or seven laps because of burned-out bearings or blown-out tires, which could not be repaired in time to continue.

The average speed set by the cars was maveled at by the veteran drivers, who had figured that the winning car could not maintain an average speed of more than 44 or 45 miles an hour.

Much Enthusiasm Shown

As much enthusiasm was exhibited by the crowd over this miniature race as had been exhibited over the contest between the larger cars. Nearly everyone picked a certain car, with the result that the cheering was continuous from the beginning until the checkered flag was given the last car.

FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Another cargo of foodstuffs for the relief of the women and children og Belgium will be despatched from the Pacific Coast in about thirty days, the sailing date from San Francisco being fixed for February 1st.

The big steamer Cranley, 8,800 tons, has been chartered and will load at the following sequence ports, Tacoma, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and San Pedro. The North has already donated 3,000 tons and the balance must be made up of California products. Non-perishable foodstuffs are wanted, flour, meal, rice, beans, etc. California contributors may ship to the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

The millions of suffering and starving Belgians must be cared for until they can raise something for themselves on their desolated lands; this act of humanity devolves on that part of the world remaining neutral in the great conflict now raging and the neutral world is responding liberally.

THE GLENDALE-TROPICO POULTRY AND PET STOCK BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Tuesday evening at the home of Dr. J. F. McArthur on Broadway, Glendale, a large number of poultry and pet stock breeders of Tropico and Glendale met and effected a permanent organization for the betterment of conditions existing in the two cities.

The organization is to be called The Glendale-Tropico Poultry and Pet Stock Breeders' Association and the following permanent officers were elected. President, Dr. L. A. Royce; Vice President, Dr. A. M. Duncan; Secretary, Walter M. Ross; Treasurer, Irving H. Oliver.

About thirty names were submitted as charter members of the organization and until Feb. 1, 1915, the charter will be held open for charter members who will be entitled to membership for the nominal sum of 50c per year.

Upon motion the officers elect were to select an executive board and a committee to look up the advisability of holding a show in Tropico sometime in January. This show would be a free admission affair and give all breeders a chance to exhibit their birds for the benefit of Tropico and Glendale.

At the Tropico Trustees meeting it was decided to financially help any effort that was presented to make a show of this kind in Tropico a success.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the president when fuller particulars will be presented through these columns.

Mrs. Mary I. Williams of Middleport, New York, and Mrs. Sophia Tyler of Union City, Mich., arrived Saturday to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Denison of 226 Mira Loma ave.

If all her foreign citizens should conclude to go back and fight there wouldn't be much left to little old New York.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEET IN REGULAR WEEKLY SESSION

A communication from the County Tax Collector including a warrant for $7,834.69 being the amount due the city, after deducting fees, for the first half of taxes. This amount is arranged as follows:

General Fund	$6,267.77
Library	626.77
Bond and Interest	940.15

The following demands were ordered paid:

Peter Ferry	$ 81.00
Carl Engle	33.90
Title G. T. Co.	484.50
Pac. L. & P. Co.	209.37
Peter Ferry	98.32
Pac. Tel. Co.	1.65
Pac. Tel. Co.	2.35
Home Tel.	2.50
So. Cal. Gas	5.17
Superior Elec.	78.85
L. E. Brown	4.99
H. A. Jennings	2.85
N. C. Burch	5.84
Title G. & T. Co.	1.25
Julia Spragg	2.00
Pac. L. & P. Co.	1.61
L. A. Rock Co.	18.94
N. C. Burch	30.00
Valley Press	16.15
C. W. Smith	18.30
Julia Spragg	1.80
Sam Rich	75.00

City Attorney reported that he had been unable to make any progress in regard to the removal of spur tracks on Brand Blvd.

City Engineer reported the following bids for work on Glendale Ave:

P. L. Ferry	$5,961.44
Geo. Sinclair	5,561.64
R. A. Merrill	5,135.42
McCombs Bros.	5,100.22

A rate of $2.93 per front foot.

Health officers reported that a Chinese Laundry had been reported a nuisance. The committee as a whole will take action.

Mrs. Berket was granted a permit to sell milk.

FIREMEN'S BALL

On Tuesday evening, January 5th, the Tropico firemen will give another one of their popular balls at the K. P. hall. Everybody is invited to attend and are assured a good time. Tickets are 50c.

Tropico "The City Beautiful"

Written by G. C. Henderson and Robt. A. Oliver

This story is published in book form and copies can be secured at this office. Send the book or copies of paper back home, they might be the means of bringing new people to Tropico.

Come to Tropico. Here you will inhale into your whole body the freshness of the spirit of Spring, the loveliness of the spirit of Summer, the peacefulness of the spirit of Autumn, the strength of the spirit of Winter; while your cares will fade away like the last rays of the sun.—Bob Oliver.

Continued from last issue

rate of 4.6 per thousand population testifies to the healthfulness of the climate.

Transportation

This city is connected with the outside world by three double lines of steel and incomparable boulevards. Through its corporate limits run the Southern Pacific main line track, the Salt Lake and the Pacific Electric railway, which maintains a 15-minute service to Los Angeles.

The Pacific Electric railway has now under construction a five-mile branch line, connecting with the main track at Tropico avenue, and which will throw traffic from Verdugo Canyon, Sunland, La Crescentia and La Canada, through this city. This will open up the eastern section of Tropico to higher development, and give this city increased importance in the electric system.

Valley of the San Fernando

The San Fernando Valley is separated from Los Angeles only by the low-lying Santa Monica Sierras, and but for these it would be hard to tell where Tropico begins and Los Angeles leaves off. Within the confines of this valley lie 140,000 acres of land, with people living in cities, towns and on ranches. Tons of alfalfa hay, thousands of boxes of oranges, lemons, peaches, grapes, plums and smaller fruits and vegetables are grown here. From Verdugo canyon comes clear spring water trickling down to quench the thirsty and feed the growing plants. There is but little fog, no severely cold or extremely hot weather, and the whole acreage is crisscrossed with the roads for which California has long been famous. In this wonderful valley and uplifted hills still linger memories of the romantic past, and in Winter or Summer automobiles and motorcycles carrying sightseers and joyseekers travel from one end of the valley to the other, visiting old ruins, going to the top of a scenic peak or repairing to a cool, secluded spot where members of the finny tribe nibble at worms and flies.

This valley offers many opportunities to those seeking a home in a delightful land that is past the experimental and pioneering stage. It is here that scientific and intensive cultivation has reached its height, and the man who runs his farm as he would a business enterprise can and is meeting with success in this valley.

Professor Gilbert Bailey of the University of Soutern California recently conducted an investigation of the soils of Tropico and vicinity, and this authority shows the soil to be especially rich and fitted to the growth of truck, alfalfa, fruit, grapes, strawberries, oranges, peaches, apricots, etc.

This valley will soon become famous for having the largest orange orchard in the world. It is now being set to trees, will contain 1,800 acres, and exceed the present largest orchard by 400 acres.

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THE JITNEY GO-CARTS

By William C. Anderson

Who turned on the lights in the auto owners' brains?

Off the curb and into the Ford with its little oilcloth sign: 5c to Edendale, 5c to Slauson Avenue, 5c and catch your train, 5c to anywhere and 5c back.

When one thinks of the rumbling, tumbling electric trains pounding like so many siege guns on our city streets, it is to believe that the auto scheme of transportation has come to stay. And, why shouldn't it?

The autos are serviceable, the drivers are polite and know their business. Most of them are owners of the cars we ride in and are not hampered with instructions from numerous departments. They need the business and are not blinded with a little authority. They don't snap when one asks them a question. They know tsreets and they know how to be civil with little children and women. They do not crowd through their cars looking for trouble and they are not nervous-wrecked from over-work, and fear of discharge.

The people are gradually adapting themselves to the new system. They are getting the "Hop in" habit.

Right here is a prediction:

The day will come when the great big trains of tumbling electric cars, big trains of gravel cars, and big trains of freight cars will not run on our city streets.

The tracks will be torn up and our streets will be clean thoroughfares with no clanging of Howitzer gongs that bellow from pounding things that resemble battleships loaded with tired laborers, dredges, gravel-rock, and sometimes houses.

The electric cars will eventually stop at the city limits. They will run where they will not grate on our nerves, or fracture our eardrums.

Try sleeping in a hotel room in the down town district, or just stop and listen to the rumbling cars on the city streets. And, while you listen, a hundred autos slip silently by. You never hear them.

Bumpty-bump-bumpty-bump. Day and night, every day for all time to come. Is it any wonder that Mr. Muldoon opened a hospital for neurasthenics.

After we get the "Hop in" habit, we won't have to wait for the last car of a mile of cars. When Teddy comes, or Taft, or Eva Tanguay, all we will have to do is to step right out and "hop right in."

When the championship ball game is played—same thing.

It is also a joy-ride for five cents. For ten cents, a tired housewife can tear off her apron and take a twenty-mile auto ride in the fresh air. At the same time she will have a comfortable seat and not have to listen to any jangles over transfers.

Here is the next move the auto owners will make:

They will get together and organize a company with plenty of capital to run the business. They will have traffic men on every corner to collect fares and answer questions and direct travelers. Henry Ford will make a car for the purpose and every purchaser will get his sixty dollars rebate.

When things begin to run smooth, we will slip out to the edge of town in the jitney go-cart and then climb into a Zeppelin and fly over to Pomona, or Riverside. We will do it for a little recreation before breakfast.

It is not impossible. If Zeppelins can be used safely in war and carry bombs to drop on cities, they can be used for travel.

Surface travel entirely by auto is the plausable thing. In large eastern cities the street cars travel in holes dug in the ground. They have been forced into subways because they conjested travel and made ordinary conversation out of the question with their noises.

Overhead tramways relieves the traffic, but they detract from the beauty of city streets and vibrate their noises to every corner of every place of business.

We will have something better than the jitney go-carts, but it will not look like a street car, nor make so much noise. We will ride with comfort and sleep in peace.

Greetings!

It would give us great pleasure to personally extend the compliments of the Season, but lacking the opportunity, permit us to express our Season's Greetings, assuring you of our appreciation for your patronage during 1914 and of our earnest endeavor to merit a continuance during 1915

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(Signed)
EDWIN C. FAIRFIELD.

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LIBRARY NOTES

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The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany; Unity of Good; Retrospection and Introspection; Pulpit and Press; Christian Healing and The People's Idea of God; Rudimental Divine Science; No and Yes; Messages to The Mother Church; also The Life of Mary Baker Eddy by Sibyl Wilbur.

These books have been presented without cost to the library, and are now at the disposal of the reading public.

While the Library Board has not been able to purchase many books lately on account of the expenses incurred in furnishing their new quarters, there have been some gifts of valuable reference books as well as some fiction, besides the list of Mrs. Eddy's works above noted. The titles are as follows: Anthon's Classical Dictionary; Coleman's Textbook and Atlas of Biblical Geography; "In Scripture Lands"; "The Land and the Book" (3 vols.). The last four volumes are all finely and profusely illustrated and very valuable for Bible study and Sunday School work. "Hours with the Bible," by Geikie; "An Ecclestiastical History, Ancient and Modern"; "From East Prussia to the Golden State," being letters and diary of Frank Lecouvreur, a California pioneer; Gayley's "Classic Myths"; "Lives of the Thru Mrs. Judsons"; Autobiography of Chas. G. Finney; "The School of Life"; "Life of Gladstone, Past and Present" by Carlyle; Textbook of Geology by Dana; Hudson's "Scientific Demonstration of the Future Life"; "The New Man and 20th Century Problems"; Aristotle's "Ethics"; "First Steps in Human Progress"; "Thinking, Feeling, Doing"; "Environment"; "The Gold Hunters of Europe"; "Ninety-three" by Victor Hugo; "Dolores, A Tale of Main and Italy"; A History of United States for young Americans.

A little set of books on Eugenics in four volumes by W. Grant Hague, M. D., of Columbia University, will soon be ready for circulation.

It treats the subject in such broad and earnest manner as to make one realize its true significance. It is something that every mother should read. Here are some of the chapter headings which will show the value of it: "Building our Boys," "The Parents and the Boy," "A Mother's Duty to her Daughter," "Preparing for Motherhood," "Hygiene and the Baby," "Baby's Good and Bad Habits," "Artificial Feeding," "The Education of the Mother."

The library room is now comfortably heated with a gas floor heater and everyone is urged to come and enjoy the comfort of the room and the good reading they will find in magazine rack and on the shelves.

The Board is expecting to purchase some of the best of the latest fiction as soon as the next tax money is placed in the library fund.

CHAS. H. CUSHING,
Librarian.

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW YEAR

Will meet and be introduced at the First M. E. Church at 12 o'clock Thursday night, December 31st or January 1st—which? Come and see.

At 7:30 p. m. the first Quarterly Conference of the conference year will be held, the District Superintendent presiding. Matters of great interest and importance will be considered.

At 8:45 p. m. the Methodist Brotherhood will be organized, a men's organization, looking to the upbuilding of Tropico in many good things. Moral men, with regard to church affiliation, will be welcomed to its membership. Dr. F. D. Mather will deliver an address.

At 9:30 p. m. the Epworth League will give a social and entertainment together with refreshments at the social hall. Mrs. Moore in charge.

At 11:00 p. m. a Watchnight Meeting will be held at the Church, under the direction of the pastor and the Epworth League, Rev. Wesley V. Smith, pastor of the M. E. Church of Eagle Rock, and a son of Dr. Smith, will preach the sermon. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor have been invited to the social and watchnight meeting.

On Sunday, January 3rd, an effort will be made to have a recordbreaking attendance at the Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., and at every other service during the day, includng Junior League, 2:30 p. m., and Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.

At 11:00 a. m. will occur the Quarterly Communion service, the Rev. Henry Goodsell preaching the sermon.

A Revival Service will be held at 7:30 p. m., Dr. Smith preaching the sermon. Special music by the choir.

The Church is planning an aggressive campaign for the year 1915, in music as well as along every other line of activity. The leaders know full well that a live church only can do business in a live town, and that it can no more be run on the plans used 50 years ago than that a full-grown man can wear the knee pants used by a 5-year-old lad. Fifty cents is a fortune to a little boy, but a merchant would scarcely expect to start in business with such a bank account. So the liberal church "deviseth liberal things." The public is invited to watch us grow and help up us grow. "Go to church in Tropico."

FAMILY REUNION DINNER

Christmas dinner for relatives was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Spear, 447 Fernando Court, amid a bower of artistically arranged flowers, Christmas holly and mistletoe. A menu, consisting of oyster soup, potato salad, roast chicken, giblet dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed creamed and sweet potatoes, stuffed bell peppers, green peas, asparagus, biscuits, coffee, chocolate, mince and pumpkin pie, rum omelet, fruits and nuts.—(Some dinner, editor).

Mrs. Spear and her sisters served and afterwards entertained the 20 guests with songs, accompanied by their brother-in-law, J. L. Tesdine of San Diego.

Economy Hints

A penny saved is a penny earned.—Benjamin Franklin.

IT is certainly time for the home gardener to think of caring for the surplus from the garden. Wise home growers have planned on having a sufficient supply of choice vegetables during the winter. These vegetables will have to be stored in order that they may be preserved. Onions and squash should be placed where there is sufficient heat and dryness to prevent any possible decay.

The root crops—parsnips, carrots, beets, salsify and turnips—are best buried in soil. A good sandy loam is excellent. Place a layer of soil in the bottom of a barrel or box, then a layer of roots, a layer of soil and so on If the quantity of root crops is large enough the roots may be stored in a pit outside the house. A good way is to pile the vegetables in a conical form and place straw over them. Soil should be applied to cover this straw and more soil or manure added as the weather becomes colder.

Sometimes a hotbed pit is used for storage, particularly if adequate facilities for ventilation are given and if protection from oversupply of water is afforded by covering the tops of the beds with boards and tarred paper. Protection should also be given against excessive cold by applying refuse over the tarred paper.

Cabbages may be stored in the hotbed pit or in the garden by placing a little straw on the ground, removing the cabbages, roots and all from their location and placing them heads downward on this straw. A layer of cabbages four plants wide and of indefinite length, with another layer over it three plants wide, all covered with straw and soil, will cause the cabbages to keep in the best condition, especially if a location is chosen where ample drainage is possible.

The whole aim in the storage of vegetables is to prevent sudden freezing and thawing, to give ventilation enough so that the product may keep well, to give moisture enough to some crops so that shrinking will be done away with and with other crops, squashes and onions in particular, to give heat enough so that they will not suffer from excessive moisture.

RENOVATING HINT.

How to Use Some Stains For Pine Floors.

How can the ordinary pine floor be made presentable without covering it with a carpet? This is a problem which is perplexing many housewives.

A number of stains and varnishes which have proved satisfactory for such floors have been worked out by students in household management in the home economics department at the college of agriculture, university of Wisconsin.

Before applying the stains the floor should be carefully smoothed with sandpaper or steel wool. If the floor is soft or very old fill the pores of the wood and all cracks with a filler. A good paste for this purpose may be made from whiting or starch mixed with either oil or turpentine. Shellac varnish is often sufficient if the larger cracks are first filled with the paste mixture. The floor should dry for twenty hours and be sandpapered for a second time before the stain is applied.

Here is a good method for giving a pine floor a pleasing finish with a slightly yellow maple color: Apply two coats of a mixture of one-half ounce burnt umber, one quart of raw linseed oil and two and one-half ounces of yellow ocher. Allow the floor to dry well and then wax.

HOW TO PRESERVE POISE AND BEAUTY.

When the eyes are tired and dulled, as after motoring, use either an eye lotion bath or one made of water to which a little boracic powder or witch hazel has been added. Keep the eyes open in the water. This both strengthens and brightens them.

Knitting the brows when reading or working is a habit certain to produce disfiguring lines on the face.

A good authority says that boxing and fencing are not good exercises for brain workers. They should select long walks, swimming or something of a similar nature where, after the movements are once learned, the direction is governed by the spinal nervous system.

The following astringent lotion is one of the best that can be had: One and one-half ounces of witch hazel, one-half ounce of tincture of benzoin, one ounce spirits of wine and five ounces of orange flower water.

Many women allow their faces to become tense and set and then wonder why lines develop. Relax the muscles, cultivate a pleasant expression and remember that lips which curve upward and smile are much more attractive than the drooping sort.

Oily hands may be made comfortable and touchable by wetting them once or twice a day while clean with cologne alcohol or toilet vinegar.

Take a Tip=== Keep Off the Wrong Track.

By MOSS.

SOME advertisements GO OFF like a bunch of FIRECRACKERS.

Others are as STAID as a QUAKERMEETING.

Each is PROPER if it attracts the RIGHT kind of attention.

A national bank would not write the same style of ad. used for a bargain sale at a dry goods store.

But, whatever the style adopted, it must serve the primary purpose of advertising. It must ATTRACT ATTENTION and PERSUADE or CONVINCE the reader.

Even in a RELIABLE and PAYING advertising medium, such as this paper undoubtedly is, an ad. must HIT THE NAIL on the head properly or lose half its EFFECTIVENESS.

Big department stores employ expensive window dressers and high salaried advertising men. You perhaps have to dress your own window and write your own ads. We can't help you to do the FORMER, but we can the LATTER.

TALK IT OVER WITH US.

NECESSITY.

Necessity has no law.

Public necessity is greater than private.

That is necessity which cannot be dispensed with.

Necessity is the law of a particular time and place.

Necessity makes that lawful which otherwise is unlawful.

There is no necessity for proving the existence of light.

GERMAN PROVERBS.

The lazy become industrious in the evening.

Nobility and nobleness are two different things.

Every beginning is difficult, as said the thief on stealing an anvil to commence with.

Better go to bed without supper than rise with debts.

The parsons labor in God's vineyard and the doctors in his churchyard.

He who does not become handsome before twenty years of age, strong before thirty, wise before forty, rich before fifty—on such a man hops and malt are lost.

Tropico's Cut Rate Druggist

The Tropico Pharmacy
Edwin Virden

DAVIS & BETTEN

Change of Business Policy

We wish to notify our patrons and the public in general that commencing January 1st our business will in the future be conducted on a Cash basis. Goods will be sold Strictly For Cash. We believe by this method we can benefit our customers as well as ourselves, by giving to our trade in prices, the losses that occur in all business conducted on the credit basis. The same courteous treatment will be extended to the public as we have endeavored to do in the past and every effort made to please in the way of serving our customers with the choicest of goods in our line. But do not ask for credit as you will positively be refused. Thanking you for your patronage in the past and hoping to merit a continuance of same,

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NOTICE OF STREET WORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, on the 15th day of December, 1914, did, at its meeting on said day, adopt a Resolution of Intention No. 191, to order the following street work to be done, towit:

FIRST: That the roadway of Cypress Street from the southerly prolongation of the easterly line of Mountain Avenue, to the easterly termination of Cypress Street, and the Roadway of Boynton Street from the northerly line of Cypress Street to a point seven hundred and five (705) feet northerly from said line, including all street and alley intersections, be graded and paved with three inch in thickness of broken stone and oil macadam, in accordance with Plan No. 57, Profile No. 57 and Cross-sections No. 57, and in further accordance with Special Specifications for improving portions of Cypress Street and Boynton Street, in the City of Tropico, which said specifications were duly adopted for said work by resolution No. 190 of the Board of Trustees of said City.

SECOND: That a cement curb be constructed along each side of the roadway of Cypress Street from the southerly prolongation of the easterly line of Mountain Avenue to the easterly termination of Cypress Street, and on each side of the roadway of Boynton Street from the northerly line of Cypress Street to a point seven hundred and five (705) feet northerly from said line, (excepting along such portions of said roadways upon which a cement curb has already been constructed, and now is, to the official line and grade and of a size and quality as described in the hereafter named Special specifications, and excepting along such portions of said roadways to be occupied by the hereinafter described bridges, which are to be placed at the point and in the position as shown on plans Nos. 57 and 58). All curbs shall be constructed in accordance with Plan No. 57, Cross Section No. 57 and Profile No. 57 and in further accordance with Special Specifications for the improvement of portions of Cypress Street and Boynton Street, in the City of Tropico, which said Special Specifications were duly adopted for said work by resolution No. 190 of the Board of Trustees in the City of Tropico.

THIRD: That a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along both side lines of Cypress Street from the southerly prolongation of the easterly line of Mountain Avenue to the easterly termination of Cypress Street, and on both sides of Boynton Street from the northerly line of Cypress Street to a point seven hundred and five (705) feet northerly from said line, (excepting therefrom those portions of the roadway upon which a cement sidewalk has already been constructed and now is to the official line and grade, and excepting along such portions of the roadway to be occupied by the hereinafter described bridges which are to be placed at the point and in the position as shown on plans No. 57 and 58) all sidewalks shall be constructed in accordance with plan No. 57, Cross Section No. 57 and Profile No. 57, and in further accordance with Special Specifications for the improvement of portions of Cypress Street and Boynton Street, in the City of Tropico, which said Special Specifications were duly adopted for said work by Resolution No. 190 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico.

FOURTH: That wood and concrete bridges be constructed at the intersection of Cypress Street and the Sycamore Canyon Wash, and at the intersection of Boynton Street and the Sycamore Canyon Wash. Said bridges to be constructed between the points and on the lines and grades and with the appurtenances designated therefor on Plans No. 57 and 58, Profile No. 57, and in further accordance with Special Specifications for the improvement of portions of Cypress Street and Boynton Street, in the City of Tropico, which said Special Specifications were duly adopted for said work by Resolution No. 190 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico.

II.

That the said contemplated work or improvement, in the opinion of the said Board of Trustees, is of more than local or ordinary public benefit, and said Board of Trustees hereby declares that the district in the said City of Tropico benefited by said work or improvement, and to be assessed to pay the costs and expenses thereof, is described as follows:

All that portion of the City of Tropico, included within the following described exterior boundary line, to-wit:

Beginning at a point which is the intersection of the northly line of Lot No. 40 of Watt Subdivision as recorded in Miscellaneous Records, Book 5, Page 200, Records of Los Angeles County, with the southerly line of Lot No. 41 of the above named Watt Subdivision, and the westerly line of Lot No. 42 of the above named Subdivision, thence westerly to the southwesterly corner of Block A of Heide-Boynton Tract, as recorded on Map of Book 12, Page 80, of records of Los Angeles County, thence westerly and northwesterly along the southerly line of Block B of the above named Heide-Boynton Tract to the southwesterly corner thereof, thence northwesterly along the southerly line of Tract No. 73, as recorded on Map in Books 13, Page 130 of Records of Los Angeles County, to the southwest corner thereof, which is also a point on the easterly line of Glendale Avenue, thence northerly along the easterly line of Glendale Avenue to the northwest corner of Tract No. 282, as rcorded on Map in Book 14, Pages 116 and 119, of Records of Los Angeles County, thence easterly along the northerly line of said Tract No. 282 to the northeast corner thereof, thence northerly along the westerly line of Heide-Boynton Tract, as recorded on Map in Book 12, Page 80, of Revords of Los Angeles County, to the northwest corner thereof, which is also a point on the southerly line of Moore Avenue, thence easterly along the southerly line of Moore Avenue to a point which is 236.28 feet easterly from the northeast corner of the aforesaid Heide-Boynton Tract, thence southerly in a straight line to the point of beginning, (excepting therefrom any portion of any public street or alley, which may be included within the above described assessment district, all as shown on Map No. 56, approved by the Board of Trustees of said City on the 8th day of December, 1914, and on file in the office of the City Engineer of said City, to which map reference is hereby made for a more complete and detailed description of said district. All references in said description are made to records of Los Angeles County, California).

III.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico determines that serial bonds shall be issued to represent assessments of twenty-five dollars ($25.00- or over for the cost of said work or improvement said serial bonds shall extend over a period ending nine (9- years from and after the second day of January next succeeding the date of said bonds, and an even annual proportion of the principal sum thereof shall be payable, by coupon, on the second day of January every year after their date until the whole is paid; and the interest shall be payable semi-annually, by coupon, on the second days of January and July, respectively, of each year, at the rate of seven (7- per cent per annum on all sums unpaid, until the whole of said principal and interest are paid. Said bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An Act to provide a system of street improvement bonds to represent certain assessments for the cost of street work and improvement within municipalities, and also for the payment of such bonds, "approved February 17, 1893, and of all acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof.

Reference is hereby made to said Resolution No. 191 for further particulars of said work.

Dated December 30, 1914.

I. C. WASSON,
Superintendent of Streets of the City of Tropico, California.

SPIRITISM SAID TO BE DEMONISM.

A most interesting little brochure has recently come off the press setting forth with Bible proofs that the communications received by and through Spiritist Mediums is of Demon origin. The writer traces his subject through the Scriptures from the time when certain of the holy angels became disobedient. He proves from the Scriptures that these fallen spirits personate the human dead, with whose past history, spirits, though invisible, are thoroughly acquainted. He shows that they also frequently personate the Creator and the Redeemer, commanding their deceived ones to pray, do penance, etc. This, however, is merely to lead them on and to bring them more thoroughly under demoniacal control. Sometimes by breaking down the natural barrier, the human will, they possess their victim, and rule him more or less to his ruin—frequently sending such to the mad-house. Numerous illustrations, Scriptural and otherwise, are given. The price of the little book is but five cents; it should be in the hands of all interested in Spiritism or who have friends interested therein. Enclose stamps to the Bible and Tract Society, 17 Hicks Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Do You Know the Multiplication Table?

By MOSS.

DO you know what the Pythagorean abacus is?

No, it's NOT the name of a NEW dance. It's simply another name for the MULTIPLICATION TABLE.

Pythagoras was a Greek philosopher (born about 582 B. C.) who taught the recognition of the numerical and mathematical relations of things.

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An Important Occasion

By JOHN TURNLEE

During the summer hegira of Americans to Europe Miss Virginia King met on the steamer outward bound David Redwood. He dawdled with her through galleries in Dresden and Munich, climbed mountains in Switzerland and parted with her in Paris, he being obliged to return to his native land early in September.

The result of this sightseeing was an engagement, and it was agreed that Mr. Redwood on his return to America should seek the acquaintance of the young lady's father and make a formal application for her hand. She was of course to write her father of the acceptance of her suitor, and as she was prone to decide things for herself the only part Mr. King was to take in the matter was to go through the formalities.

On Mr. Redwood's arrival he wrote Mr. King a note, stating that he had met his wife and daughter abroad and with their kind permission would be happy to call on Mr. King if he would inform him what time and place would be agreeable. The young man was invited to dine with his prospective father-in-law on the following evening at his suburban residence at East Arlington, a dozen miles from the city.

On the train Redwood sat next a gentleman who, when the conductor came along, offered a commutation ticket to East Arlington.

"Pardon me," said Redwood. "I see you are from East Arlington. Can you inform me what direction I shall take to reach the residence of Edward King?"

"Edward King? Oh, yes! I can tell you where he lives. I go right by his house. I'll show you the way with pleasure."

The gentleman—Barbour was his name—proved quite genial, and before their journey was ended Redwood had told him that he had met the Kings in Europe, and since King had told Mr. Barbour of his daughter's engagement the latter was not long in divining the young man's errand.

"Is Mr. King a—ahem—a genial man, a man of the world?" asked Redwood.

"On the contrary, he is very strict. Can't tolerate tobacco; never drinks any wines or liquors and is very attentive to formalities. But if you are going to see him on a matter of importance I would advise you to beware of him. He has a way of finding out about people by throwing them off their guard. They say that before employing a man in his business he will pretend to be a roisterer to him, and if there is anything wild about the fellow it will show itself."

"Thank you very much for the information," said Redwood, and turned the subject.

On the arrival of the train the gentleman showed Redwood to the King residence and went to his own home. The visitor was admitted by a butler and told that Mr. King was dressing for dinner and would be down presently. Then the butler disappeared and returned in a few minutes with a cocktail and a box of cigarettes on a saiver.

"Thank you; you needn't leave that," said Redwood, looking at the liquor and the cigarettes longingly. "I neither drink nor smoke."

But the butler left the refreshments on a table and departed without a word.

Mr. King came down and received his visitor cordially. Naturally knowing the object of the call, he was a trifle disconcerted.

"I see you have not drunk your cocktail," he said. "Do so, and I will join you in another. Oscar, bring two cocktails."

Redwood protested that he never drank wines or liquors—they didn't agree with him—and, as for smoking, he regarded it a filthy habit. Mr. King looked at him with an expression of disapprobation. When the butler brought more refreshments he drank his cocktail, apparently much disgruntled at being obliged to drink alone. Then they went into dinner.

A bottle of champagne was on ice beside the host's chair, but Redwood declined to drink any of it. Of course Mr. King could not urge his guest to break through his accustomed habits.

During the dinner Redwood mustered the necessary courage to go through the formalities of asking Mr. King for his daughter, and the matter being over with the host regretted that his prospective son-in-law would not join him in a glass of wine to the health of their beloved Virginia. It was hard for the young man to resist the temptation, but, fearing he was being tested and might lose the girl he loved if he yielded, he stood firm.

During the awkward pause that followed there was a ring at the doorbell, and the gentleman Redwood had met on the train entered. Mr. King's expression changed.

"Hello, Jim!" he exclaimed. "You're just in time to prevent my drinking alone Ginnie's health upon her engagement. This is Mr. Redwood, to whom I have just given her."

With a twinkle in his eye, Mr. Barbour took up the glass that was filled for him and said:

"Pray excuse me, Mr. Redwood, for perpetrating a huge joke on you. The temptation was too strong for me. My friend Ned King is a temperate man, but not such as I pictured him to you. I am glad to join you both on this very happy occasion."

And the three drank the health of the absent one with great gusto.

A Story of Heredity

By EUNICE BLAKE

Mrs. Waterbury employed a maid who was not only comely, but there was about her an air of one to the manner born. So impressed was the lady with the belief that Silvia had good blood in her veins that she asked the girl to tell her something about her origin. Silvia refused.

"Where did you spend your childhood?" asked Mrs. Waterbury.

"I cannot tell you," was the reply, while Silvia hung her head.

"Don't you remember your parents?"

"I do not."

"How long have you been in service?"

"Two years."

Mrs. Waterbury gave up trying to find her maid's antecedents, but she was not convinced that she had been born a servant. Silvia's case interested her the more because she reminded her of a woman she had met when she was entering society. This Mrs. Marshall had been at the time a woman of forty and had become a social leader from the fact of a certain courtliness there was about her.

What it was in the servant that reminded her of the high bred woman Mrs. Waterbury could not tell. Mrs. Marshall had been socially prominent a quarter of a century before. Mrs. Waterbury, who was twenty years her junior, had not been intimate with her and had seen her only at certain functions.

Silvia came to be an important person to her employer other than as a servant. Arthur Waterbury, the latter's son, came home from college and had not been in the house a day before his mother noticed that he had become engrossed with her maid. Arthur struggled against the passion till withholding expression of it became unbearable, then confessed it to Silvia. His mother overheard him doing so.

"You were not born a servant," said Arthur. "No such high bred manner could come from a plebeian; it is hereditary."

"I am a servant and nothing else," Silvia replied.

"Whatever you are I cannot help loving you. I do love you, and you shall be my wife."

"I will not be your wife, because to marry me would deprive you of the social position which is your right. You would always be ashamed of me, and I would drag you down."

Mrs. Waterbury heard no more. She said nothing to her son about what she had overheard, but the next day did all she could to save her son from a misalliance. She sent the girl away and did not tell Arthur where she had gone.

Several months passed. Mrs. Waterbury saw that her son was not the same man he had been before he came home from college. Ambition had left him; he took no interest in anything. He had experienced a grand passion, and the breaking with his mate had blighted his life.

Then came a coincidence—a chain of coincidences. If there were no coincidences there would be no stories.

Dr. Shotwell, Mrs. Waterbury's family physician, one day drove up to her house, rang and was admitted.

"Why, doctor," said the lady, "what brings you? We are all well here. Surely you must have called socially and are welcome socially."

"I have called to tell you of a singular happening."

"Let me hear it."

"You remember the pretty maid you had here for a time. I have often seen her here and noticed how little like a servant she appeared—that ladylike air"—

"Yes, we all noticed that," interrupted the lady somewhat impatiently.

"Well, on leaving you she at once found a position in a family I also attend professionally. She is ill, and I was called in to treat her. In applying a hot poultice between her shoulder blades I noticed a birthmark shaped something like a Maltese cross. I had reason to remember that birthmark, for I had attended the mother of the child who bore it eighteen years before under peculiar circumstances. The woman was the daughter of a social leader, and I had not heard that she had been married, though I was afterward furnished with proof that she was. At any rate, the accouchement was secret."

"The name of this family, doctor?" Mrs. Waterbury broke in.

"Marshall."

"Marshall! Do you mean to tell me that Silvia is the granddaughter of Mrs. James Osgood Marshall, who flourished socially twenty-five years ago?"

"I do. Julia Marshall, the daughter, married clandestinely. There was trouble in the family, and her mother withdrew from society. Julia's marriage was never published. The child was consigned to a foundlings' home and was lost to her parents, both of whom died soon after she was born."

When Silvia recovered her health she was removed to the house of her former mistress not as a servant, but as the betrothed of Arthur Waterbury. Her identity was established, and she came into possession of certain property that had been left her, but could not be paid since no trace of her could be found.

Since Mrs. Waterbury noticed in her daughter-in-law the manner of a woman she had not herself seen in more than twenty years she has become a strong believer in heredity.

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